

### **Remarks**

Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

### **Application Status**

Claims 1 and 46-70 remain pending.

Claims 45-63 and 66-70 were indicated allowable if written in an independent format.

Claims 45 and 66 were rewritten as requested by the Office. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 45-63 and 66-70 (and 65) are now allowable.

Claims 1 and 64-65 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Peebles (US 6,454,163) in view of Calder (US 6,516,998).

### **The Rejections**

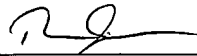
Applicants respectfully submit that the references, whether taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the recited features and relationships in claims 1 and 64. The references do not teach or suggest a divert cassette having plural separated storage compartments. Where do the references teach or suggest an ATM divert cassette having a first storage compartment and a second storage compartment that are separated from each other by a compartment separating structure? Also, the first storage compartment includes a diverted media storage area, and the second storage compartment includes a retracted media storage area. Furthermore, where do the references teach or suggest an ATM computer determining unpresentable media or retracted media, and then the machine properly storing the media in a designated compartment based on its determination? The Office has not established a *prima facie* showing of obviousness.

**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

The undersigned is willing to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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